

### April 2022

## **ARISE Newsletter**

The blossoms are out, Spring has sprung, and summertime is just around the corner. We look forward to welcoming you to LDS over summer, and this newsletter has your links to sign up for all of our summer programs. We also have information about bringing our mobile classroom to your community, our Adult program, and other exciting LDS news.



Summer program applications are now open!

LDS's customized, hands-on summer programs are back, and applications are open now for current LDS families. From now until April 22nd, existing LDS families applications will be prioritized for placement!

### **Intensive Intervention**

A team approach from our highly qualified learning support staff and our team of specialized, passionate instructors, will provide students with intensive, individualized support for 37.5 hours to build foundational academic skills

Learn more and apply here

#### **Summer Camps**

Our customized and creative week-long camps focus on helping our students develop new skills through fun, hands-on camp programs with high instructor and camp counsellor to camper ratio.

Learn more and apply here

#### **RISE TEAM**

RISE TEAM is an innovative employment readiness project designed to help teens transition from high school to paid employment, training, or higher education. Learn more and apply here

#### **Summer Tutoring**

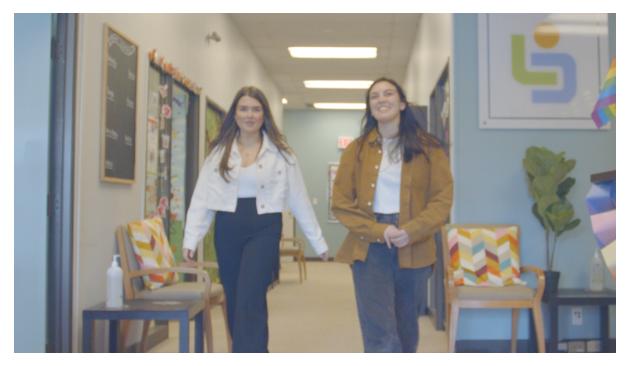
Our flexible summer tutoring program focused on parent-identified subject area of need (literacy/ math). Available throughout July and August, online or with limited in-person spots.

Learn more and apply here



Bring the LDS Access mobile classroom to your neighbourhood this summer!

Our LDS Access mobile classroom has availability this spring to come to your neighbourhood! Get in touch at <a href="mailto:ed@ldsociety.ca">ed@ldsociety.ca</a> to discuss this inspiring and innovative option to bring our expert learning support to your community or school.



Our adult program, RISE NOW is accepting applications!

RISE NOW supports adults in achieving their specific learning, education, or employment goals through targeted support and intervention.

Learn more here

## News from our Assistive Technology Studio



You can now access Speechify!

We're pleased to announce that we have access to Speechify, a text-to-speech software that provides a more human-sounding and customizable voice than other software. It's easily installable as browser extension or as an app, and allows you to listen to PDFs and

web articles.

Some of the unique features Speechify provides:

- 1. **Customizable speed:** Speechify allows you to adjust the speed from 0.5x to 4.5x.
- 2. **Text highlighting:** As the text is read aloud, the text will also highlight so that you can read along more easily.
- 3. **Scan pages:** The Speechify app allows you to take pictures of printed text and convert them into audio and text files.

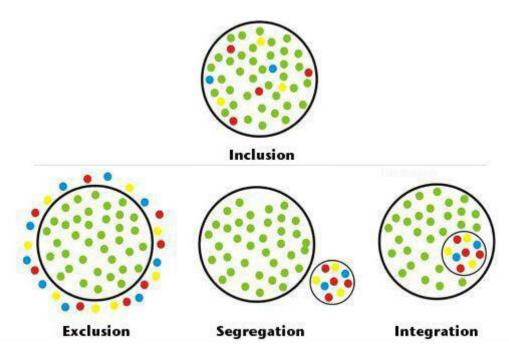
If you would like access to Speechify for your child, please email our Assistive Technology Manger, Mike, at <a href="mailto:at@ldsociety.ca">at@ldsociety.ca</a>.

### More from LDS



<u>Is my child ready for school? What else can I do to prepare</u> them?

Read this post by our Director of Education, Jenn Fane, who puts her parent hat on to answer the most common questions and concerns we see and hear from families with young children, and the ways in which families are able to receive support for these challenges in our Early RISErs program.



*Inclusive Education* 

This February was Inclusive Education month; we've taken the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to making our programs and educational practices increasingly inclusive. Please read more at <u>our blog</u>.



LDS featured in Telus Talks with Tamara Taggart!

Our ED, Rachel Forbes, speaks to Tamara Taggart about learning differences and the importance of accessing the network of support that LDS provides. Watch the piece <a href="here">here</a>.



Chairman Ting wins applied arts award!

We are delighted that Chairman Ting Industries Inc. has won an Applied Arts Award for the illustration of the LDS Access mobile classroom! Learn more about the awards here.

# Careers



### Our team of expert instructors and core staff is expanding!

Are you passionate about making an impact in your community, and changing the lives of children with learning differences? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you!

To meet the needs of our growing organization we have several opportunities in a range of positions from instruction, communications, and SLP!

Learn more about these opportunities and how to apply on our website.

## Help us #KeepOurKidsLearning

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